In the Specification:

Please change paragraph number 30 on page 8 as follows:

[0030] Interface controller 314 may be configured to communicate with one or more storage devices 306. It is noted that the storage devices 306 may be hard disk drives or any other device for storing data in non-volatile form, such as optical disks, floppy disks, or tape storage. In some embodiments, interface controller 210 may be configured to communicate with a host or a RAID controller through a communication port 308, such as, for example, a peripheral component interface (PCI) bus. In some embodiments, interface controller 314 may be configured to communicate with one or more memories 310, such as a DRAM cache memory or other type of memory or memory controller. Interface controller ~~210~~ 314 may be configured to perform all of these functions or any combination of these or other functions. In other embodiments, interface controller ~~210~~ 314 may not have any devices attached or interface controller ~~210~~ 314 may be omitted altogether. In these embodiments, node 102 simply connect to neighboring nodes through routing unit 205. Thus, node 102 may be used as a routing node R 102e to increase the number of possible communication paths available. In other embodiments, one or more storage devices 306, communication ports 308, and memories 310 may be included within node 102.